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For

FLEXURE LIFE ESTIMATING METHOD, WIRE HARNESS

DESIGNING METHOD AND PROGRAM THEREOF

## REQUEST FOR INITIALED PTO-1449 FORM

Commissioner For Patents Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

On June 3, 2002, Applicants file an Information Disclosure Statement, along with a Form PTO-1449, and copies of the references cited thereon, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants note that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form has never been returned. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner forward an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form.

For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 3, 2002 (and the documents cited

therein), and a copy of the date-stamped mailroom receipt evidencing the filing of the same.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

> Respectfully submitted, Yuki KAWAKITA et al.

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#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following document to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Application No. 08-166333, published on June 25, 1996, along with an English abstract and a full English language translation thereof; and

International Application WO 01/08172, published on February 1, 2001, which includes an English abstract. We note that this application is based on Japanese Application No. 11-21065, which is discussed on pages 4 and 5 of the specification of the instant application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a

PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

- U.S. Patent Application No. 09/787,412 to INOUE et al., entitled "Bending Life Prediction Method For Wire or Wire Harness", which was filed on September 10, 2001;
- U.S. Patent Application No. 09/812,590 to KAWAKITA et al., entitled Bend Test For a Wire Harness and Device For Such A Test", which was filed on March 21, 2001;
- U.S. Patent Application No. 09/814,708 to KAWAKITA et al., entitled "Bend-Test Device For a Wire Harness", which was filed on March 23, 2001; and
- U.S. Patent Application No. 09/988,621 to ONOUE, entitled "Bend Test Device For an Electrical Cable or Wire Harness", which was filed on November 20, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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